Showers; variable winds.

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CHARLES FOSTER ASSIGNS.

THE EX-SECRETARY OF THE TREAS-URY EMBARRASSED IN BUSINESS.

Too Much Politics and Too Much Ambition for His Town. He Says, Have Carried Him Down-He Says His Linbuitles Are About \$600,000 and His Assets on Paper Orenter than Thut, but in Reality Less.

FOSTORIA, O., May 26.-Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Charles Foster, in honor of whose family this place is named, and who has been identified with its prosperity as well as that of many persons and places in this part of Ohio, eing rated everywhere as a millionaire, has falled. He made an assignment during last night to his personal friend and admirer. J. B. Gormice, a banker of Bucyrus, Mr. Foster gives out his liabilities as \$600,000, and says that he had hoped to save the day. Now that he has given up he does not expect to be able to pay his creditors in full.

Perhaps no better explanation of the failure. its causes and its scope, can be given than the following card, frank and almost pathetic, which the ex-Secretary made public to-day.

cent. It is not at the Foster Banki bank in any way.

all are fully protected.

to hear of his failure.

MR. FOSTER'S CAREER.

Anecdotes of His Business and Political Life-Few if Any Creditors Here,

Ex-Secretary Foster's embarrassments

have little or no local interest here. President John M. Crane of the Shoe and Leather National Bank, in the Stewart build-

ing. Broadway and Chambers street, said yes-

terday that Foster & Co. had had an account

with the bank for twenty years, and that there

non, President of the Chase National Bank, and Gen. Sam Thomas, Treasurer of the Re-

publican State Committee. Gen. Thomas in old days was the partner of Senator Brice at

Lima, O. All four gentlemen are members of

the Manhattan Club, the home of the swallow-

tail Democracy of the nation. All are younger

than the ex-Secretary, and all at one time or

another have had business relations with him.

as well as social relations. They are all sorry

Mr. Foster is in his sixty-sixth year. His

father settled Fostoria and owned 20,000

acres of land thereabouts. It was said in

Wall street yesterday that the ex-Secretary

still owns about 8,000 acres of the land. In

his boyhood he became a clerk in a country



EX-SECRETARY CHARLES FOSTER.

Words cannot express the deep distress and humiliation I feel. If I could bear all the burden that my failure will entail I should feel a sense of relief. It is no consolation to look cover a business life of forty-five years, which has gained for me a position of confidence that has rarely been achieved. I know that I have aided hundreds of people to main stain noncrable standing and to gain a companies are dorsoned some a large degree of wealth. I know that now I have by my failure injured many people. But I hope none are to be ruined. When I returned from Washington I know that my endorsements for the window glass companies and the brass and iron works company were very large-sellarge, in fact, as to induce me to fear that it would have to suspend at that time. I however, prevailed upon africation give mea large amount of help, and then feit confident that it sould maintain myself and figally come out all right. These concerns owed more than I then supposed, and, to add to my misfortunes, the siliconer, proved to be in bade shape financially. Then came the unfortunate financial registroit. I struggiste used to be in bade shape financial registroit. I struggiste used of being in cash, spip made in paper. Bales in fact, came to make up the scale of the foreign and the courted wasted his money and no one would lead. Payments for glass, instead of being in cash, spip made in paper. Bales in fact, came to make up the scale of the control of the case when the scale of the control of the case when the scale of the control of the tain an honorable standing and to gain a competency, and some a large degree of wealth. I know that now I have by my failure injured

May a surpius of \$60,000, and ought to pay in full.

"My failure must doubtiess cause a shock to the interests of the city, from which I am sure it will speedily recover. I believe our business concerns are all in a sound and healthy condition, and the two banks are especially strong. Depositors with them need not feel any aizm. I sold my two blocks and four parcels of land to Mr. Harkness when I arranged for a large sum of I money, and have turned everto him my stock in Cunningham & Co. and the stave and barrel company. I have given mortgages to two women who relied upon me to invest their money, it being about all the property they have, amounting to about all the property they have, amounting to about if the property they have, amounting to about

spon me to invest their money, it being about all the property they have, amountin's to about \$4.00.

"It is only just to myself to say that two things have caused my downfall. One was neglect of business, occasioned by my devotion to politics, and the other was an oversealous desire to build up Fostoria. I do not know that at my time of life I ought to indulge in the hone of being able to repair my fortunes and pay my debts, but I shall irve. In this hour of unspeakable distress I only crave the generous insignment of the public—a public that will the deeply shocked over the financial downfall of a man who has enjoyed their confidence to a semarkable degree. The aggregate amount of the liar-littles, including bank deposits, my individual debts, the three glass companies, the light and power company, will be about \$90,000. The assets on paper will more than cover the liabilities. Mr. Wilkison has secured the school fund and the building and loan association funds against loss."

The failure made a sensation here. Some of these on the inside knew it must come, but to the general public it was a great surprise. The assignment papers were filed at Tiffin by Mr. Soott, Mr. Foster's attorney.

An early hour this morning the bank of Foster & Co. was closed on an attachment for \$4.200 in favor of the I same Harter Milling company, and at the same time the wholesale freery house of thavis & Foster was closed by as attachment for \$1.200 in favor of O. T. Taking was the first

rease stiff hour this moraling the bank of St. And a was closed on an attachment for Campan, and at the same time the wholesade of pass attachment for \$1.200 in favor of the pass attachment for \$1.200 in favor of the pass attachment for \$1.200 in favor of the first taking many persons had that there was samething wrong, and it soon leaked out that as assignment and teen made. The news samething wrong, and it soon leaked out that as assignment and teen made. The news samething wrong, and it soon leaked out that as assignment of the extent of the calability and the streets were filled with people seare to learn the extent of the calability. That had befailen the city.

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The loss to Fostoria is severe, but great as it is it in no way lessens the regret and symmathy expressed for the ex-keeretary. It is generally conceeded that his generosity and pleanomenal public spirit have been the causes of his diametal downfall. He was ever ready to lead a helping hand to the poor and worthy. Foster was in business in Fostoria as a dry spects much a success of the first time was respected to the seam wealthy, and in 1849, when elected to various of Ohio for the first time, was reputed to be seam wealthy, and in 1849, when elected to various of Ohio for the first time, was reputed to be worth \$1,000,000. During the next four years he lost heavily in Lake Superior copper mines. In natural gas and street railway speculations at Findlay during its temporary boom he invested ingrein, when the butble burst he, with many others, was caught for many thousands of delate. He also lost by endorsing notes for

business and political friends. Since then he has attempted to recoup his losses, but only became more despit involved. The crash was temporarily averted by his appointment as Secretary of the Treasury. President Lloyd Weissel of the Pouple's Bank at North Baltimore, which carries very heavy deposits of the oil roudcers in the oil country, was here this evening endeavoring to procure nid.

Failing to secure this, he announced that his bank would close its doors to-morrow morning, having been dragged down by the failure of ex-Secretary Foster of Fosteria.

The bank was heavily involved by the failure of the North Baltimore Furniture Company, and the second blow made a run upon it to-day which it will not be able to stand to-morrow.

BRIGGS IS DEFEATED.

THE ASSEMBLY DECIDES, TWO TO ONE, TO ENTERTAIN THE APPEAL.

Scenes of Excitement and Disorder—Br.

Briggs Demands the Right To Be Heard to Correct Missitatements, But it Shouted Down by His Opponents and Ruled Out by the Moderator—The Vote by Synods 405 to 144 in Favor of Entertaining the Appeal from the New York Presbyters. Appeal from the New York Presbytery.

to-day which fit will not be able to stand tomorrow.

Charles Foster was a stockholder in the
bank. Oil operators and producers will lose
many thousands. Findlay banks are unatfected by the Foster failure.

Washington, May 28.—Bluch sympathy is
expressed here for ex-Secretary Foster. Especially is this the case in the Treasury Department, where Mr. Foster was personally
very popular. Inquiry at the office of the
Comptroller of the Currency develops the flact
that the unity national bank in Fostoria, Onio,
is the First National Bank and upon the last call
that bank had 35 per cent. of reserve on hand,
when the legal requirement was only 15 per
cent. It is not anticipated that the failure of
the Foster Banking Company will affect this
bank in any way. WASHINGTON, May 26.-The largest attendauce so far at this meeting of the General As-sembly of the Prosbyterian Church was present at this morning's session. Upon the formal motion to approve the minutes of yesterday, the flurry of last night over the form of question to be voted upon at the close of the four hours' debate by the judicatory was renewed. The Moderator said that he would entertain a motion to amend the form of the question, the motion to be voted upon without further debate. This was satisfactory to all parties, and the Moderator gave the floor to Eider Ketchum of New Jersey, who spoke in favor of sending the case of Prof. Briggs back to the Synod, and said that at the end of the debate he would offer a resolution

to that effect. Elder Thomas McDougall of Cincinnati argued in favor of trying the case at once, without sending it back to the Synod. Dr. Briggs had said that if the matter were sent back to the Synod of New York he would waive his constitutional rights. "No," said Dr. Briggs, quickly.

was still a balance there in their favor. Mr. Crane had always believed Mr. Foster to be "Ah, I thought so." responded Mr. McDou-gall. "I thought that you or one of your worth anywhere from half a million to a milfriends would raise the question of the Synod's President George F. Baker of the First right to act on the case." National Bank, and others have had dealings Dr. Briggs rose as Mr. McDougall took his

with Mr. Foster, but not large dealings, and seat. There was a cry of dissent, but Dr. Briggs kept his feet, and the Moderator asked Mr. Foster has four bosom friends in New him what he wanted to say.
"It is evident." he said. "that Mr. McDou-York. Two are Democrats, Senator Calvin Stewart Brice and ex-Gov. James E. Campbell gall has placed me in a false position before this Assembly, and I wish to explain." of Ohio. Two are Republicans, Henry W. Can-

From all over the house arose objections to hearing Dr. Briggs, one Commissioner saying: We already have volumes of explanations which themselves need explanation." Dr. Duffield, the venerable professor of

Princeton, and an enthusiastic anti-Briggs man, shouted, "Information is always in order. Hear Dr. Briggs." Whereupon the Assembly listened, while the

defendant said that he did not say in his address that he would waive any of his constitutional rights, but that he would use every endeavor in a friendly way to secure a decision of the questions at issue by the Synod; that he would interpose no constitutional objection to the presence of the prosecuting committee in

would offset the float of programming a syndicate which was to take \$25,000,000 bonds on a three per cent. basis. On Mr. Foster's return to Washington Mr. Harrison promptly rejected

The Rev. T. C. Hall—There is nothing in the appeal before the house that warrants any such statement.

In conclusion Mr. Bain said he did not know whether the red tape of the New York Presbytery would wash without fading, but he did know that the blue flag of the Church would, as it had often done in the past, wash in the waters of contest and not fade.

The venerable Dr. Duffield of Princeton College said he had great personal appreciation of the scholarship and Christian character of Dr. Briggs. "If his logical faculties were equal to his scholarship," he said." I do not know his equal in the intellectual world of America at least."

As soon as the gavel fell on Dr. Duffield, the most sensational scene of the day and the Assembly so far ensued. While the venerable Doctor was speaking, his statement of Prof. Briggs's teachings were questioned by several commissioners, and the Professor himself gave ulterance to an expression which could not be understood by the reporters; but as Dr. Duffield stepped down he came almost into direct contact with Dr. Briggs, who, with flashing eyes, had sprung to his fest demanding to be heard. A storm of dissent and cries of "Order" immediately broke out.

The Moderator—Prof. Briggs, you cannot be heard now.

Prof. Briggs.—I have some rights here, and I

which was to take \$23,00,000 conds on a three per cent. insis. On Mr. Foster's return to Washington Mr. Harrison promptly rejected the proposition.

The great political event of Secretary Foster's administration of the Treasury Bepartment was the resignation of Collector Erhardt to sign a contract putting the laborers at the public stores under ex-Marshal Louis F. Payn of Columbia county. Mr. Payn's contract named \$30,500 a year for the work. Collector Erhardt said there were plenty who would do the work for \$30,000 a year, and refused to obey the Secretary's instructions. The friedlen hecame so hot that Collector Erhardt sent there were plenty who would do the work for \$30,000 a year, and refused to obey the Secretary's instructions. The friedlen hecame so hot that Collector Erhardt sent his re-ignation to Mr. Harrison. His successors. Fassett and liendricks, also refused to sign the Payn contract, and finally Mr. Foster abandoned the project.

The ex-Secretary is a good story teller, jovial in his disposition, and a joker. One of his friends told yesterday of a trial in which he was an interested party. He was put upon the stand to testify. He was clear and fluent as a witness, and he made a good impression for his side of the case. Toward the close the opposing lawyer asked:

"Mr. Foster, did you ever pay—"(naming a party on the other side of the suit) "the amount he was to receive under such and such circumstances?"

"No. sir: I never did," came the answer.

"Well, why did you swear that you did?"

Mr. Foster looked puzzled and a little indignant. "What do you mean?" he demanded.

"Why, there it is in your answer—you swore in your answer that you had paid him."

Mr. Foster selzed the document impatiently, and as his eye ran over it rapidly he remarked:

"Well, I asked my lawyers when they brought this thing to me how many confounded lifes they wanted to make me tell. I had not ime to read it.

One of Mr. Foster's own stories concerns his early business relations with Senator Brice. Prof. Briggs-I have some rights here, and I demand my right to correct a misstatement and misinterpretation of my writings.

Moderator Craig-You are not a member of this lower training.

this house.

Prof. Briggs—Then I appeal to the house.

[Cries of "Order," "You have no right here."]

I appeal to the house if I have not the right to make an explanation.

The Moderator again informed the Professor The had no right to make the appeal.

"Then I appeal for him," said Dr. Duffield.

"I would not that any injustive be done a man, and to Prof. Briggs in particular. I plead a

and to Prof. Briggs in particular. I plead a hearing for him.

The Moderator—Prof. Briggs cannot make any statement to the house at this time. Any friend of yours may challenge and correct any statement to which you take exceptions.

Prof. Briggs—No friend can do that for him. The Moderator—hos. he can; and I endeavored to have one of them do so, and thus avoid this scene, but he declined to do so.

Prof. Briggs (folding his arms and mounting the platform)—I must appeal to the house.

At which there was renewed disorder by those opposed to Prof. Briggs. Spectators in the gallerles had risen to their feet, and leaned over the railings anxious to hear every word of the unseemly outbreak.

The Moderator appealed to Prof. Briggs to take his seat, saying: "Prof. Briggs, you have been so kind to me all along. I hope you will yield. I will protect you in this matter throughout."

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"Have I no right to appeal to the House?"
asked Prof. Rriggs.
"Not now." responded the Moderator.
Thereupon the Professor took his seat and
the storm subsided.
Dr. Robert L. Bachman of Utica. N. Y., then
mounted the platform. He said that it would
be a mistake if the case were not sent back to
the Synod of New York. This Synod, the
greatest in the Presbyterian Church, had respected the action of the Portland Assembly,
and it was becoming in the present Assembly
to respect the rights of the Synod. It seemed
vital to the case to refer it back to the adjudication of that Synod, and if this were not done
the Assembly might find that it came into
contact with the constitutional rights of the
Synod.

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A passionate address against the plea of Dr. Briggs was made by the Rev. William Young, D. D. of Danville, Ry., Moderator of the last Assembly. Speaking with much emphasis and in an emotional manner. Dr. Young said he never had a clearer conception as to the disposition of any seclesiastical matter than he had in this case. For peace, for speady settlement, for doing away with vexings and disturbances, he believed in entertaining now this appeal in the fear and view of God.

The Rev. George D. Baker of Philadelphia, Chairman of the Judicial Committee, closed the debate at 4 o'clock, and a buzz of excite-

A Love Story of "The Tenderloin" Which terminated in a tragedy and a miracle will be realistically and pathetically narrated by Inspector Williams in his reminiscences in the Sunday Mercury to-morrow, together with many hairbreadth escapes and sensational in-

The latest cinch, "Hero Divine" Cigar, For sale at schell's, 1,403 Broadway. Ade.

ment and anticipation arose, which was broken in upon now and again by various mo-tions, points of order, &c., relating to the par-lamentary situation. The tension was re-lieved by the unfailing good nature with which Dr. Craigipresented these motions or skillulir

lieved by the unfailing good nature with which Dr. Craighpresented these motions or skillully ignored them.

Judge Purnell of Baltimore then offered his motion to remand the case to the New York Synod. This was defeated by a viva voce vote and again by a rising vote.

The question then recurring on the resolution of the Judicial Committee, that the appeal be entertained, the yeas and navs were demanded, and the roll call begun at 4% P. M. It was taken amid an aimost painful silence, during which the defendant watched with feverish anxiety the progress of the vote by tally kept by his friend Prof. Brown, who sat at his eibow. All over the house and in the galleries the vote was followed on the roll of members by interested ones who could not wait for the official announcement of the result. While the roll was being called Moderator Craig yielded the chair to ex-Moderator William C. Roberts, D. D., and himself voted "Aye."

When the elerk had finished the call of the Synod of New York, and Prof. Briggs found that his position in favor of sending the appeal to that Synod had been approved by a majority of the Commissioners of his own local Fresbytery, the Commissioners from which did not vote, he seemed relieved, and ross from his half-leaning posture over Prof. Brown to the upright pose he had maintained throughout the trying ordeal.

The result of the vote on the motion to enteriain the appeal in the Briggs case was announced by Dr. Craig as follows: Yens, 409; nays, 145. The vote by Synods, as shown by a comparison of the roll calls, does not exactly tally with the vote as announced by the Moderator, but the discrepancy is not vital. The vote in detail is as follows:

1 Oregon
G Pennsylvania
South Dakota
1 Tennessee
Texas 144

On motion of Dr. Young, the Judicial Com-mittee was instructed to prepare a programme for procedure in the trial of the sepeal, and the Assembly decided to proceed with the trial

to-morrow morning.

At 5 P. M. the Assembly adjourned until S P. M. for the consideration of administrative

STOLEN OR LOST FROM THE TREASURY. Treasurer Nebeker Has to Pay \$1,055 to

Balance the Cash Account. WASHINGTON, May 20.-Treasurer Nebeker to-day paid into the Treasury \$1,055, that amount having been stolen or lost from the Treasury cash. The money was all lost in the Redemption Division of the Treasurer's office at three different times, and all since the 4th of last March. About the latter part of March a package of eleven \$1,000 oills was sent from a Western bank for redemption. It duly arrived. was receipted for, and was sent to the Re-demption Division to be counted. It was found demption Division to be counted. It was found to be correct. The package was then fastened up in paper, as usual, and delivered to the clerk, who put it under the big knife and cut it in half. One half of the package was sent to the legister's office and the other retained in the Treasurer's office. When the package reached the Register's office it was found to contain only ten \$1,000 half bills, instead of eleven, as it was marked. The other half of the package retained in the Treasurer's Office was also found to contain only ten \$1,000 half bills. A \$1,000 note had disappeared. The other losses which have occurred within the past two weeks were a \$50 note and a \$5 note, all of them disappearing in the Redemption Division of the Treasurer's office.

the Redemption Division of the Treasurer's office.

The lesses were reported to Mr. Drummond. Chief of the Secret Service of the Treasury Department, but he has been unable to discover how the money disappeared. Treasurer Nether has made the losses good, that the cash may balance when the new Treasurer. Mr. Morgan, takes charge on June 1. These are the only losses he has sustained during his term of office.

DISPUTING FOR DR. BURTSELL

The Church of the Epiphany Wants Him Back and St. Mary's Wants to Keep Him, Parishioners of the R. C. Church of the Epiphany to the number of a score or more will go to Washington this evening bearing with them five big volumes bound in morocco, containing more than 50,000 names. These names are appended to a petition to Mgr. Satolii to reinstate the Rev. Dr. Richard L. Burtsell in the rectorship of the Church of the

Burtsell in the rectorship of the Church of the Epiphany, from which he was transferred to Rondout by Archivehop Corrigan for sympathizing with Dr. McGilynn.

The monster petition will be presented tomorrow afternoon at the Catholic University. Major Edward Duffy of the Sixty-minth Regiment will make the formal address, which will be followed by an address in Latin to the same and the sympathic Creation. effect by Joseph Creeden. While Dr. Burtsell's former parishioners

are thus trying to get him back, the members of his present flock are trying to keep him with them. A petition to Mgr. Satolli to retain Dr. Burtsell at St. Mary's Church, Rondout, is in circulation in that village.

MISSING SHERMAN T. PELL. His Alleged Shortages May Poot Un \$28,000, It le Sald.

Sherman T. Pell, the ex-Supervisor of Pelham who disappeared ten days ago without turning over his books and accounts to his successor in office, had not been heard from up to a late hour last night. Pell has been Supervisor of Pelham for years, and in that time he has handled many thousand dollars of

the town's money.

He has always bornean excellent name in that town, but now his fellow townsmen accuse him of being a defaulter of from \$5,000 to \$30,000. Pell's wife says he is in Pittsburgh, but Peinamites do not put much faith in this, and freely say that he has gone to stay until he is brought back. freely say that he has gone to stay until he is brought back.
He promised to turn over his books on May 18 to Supervisor McAllister, his successor in office, but he failed to do so, and McAllister has been unable to find him. McAllister is said to have remarked, on Tuesday that Pell's shortages might foot up \$22,000.

Fell was defeated of reclection on March 28 last, but refused to give up his office until compelled to do so by legal proceedings.

Lloyd Aspinwall Doesn't Keep Time. The default of Lloyd Aspinwall for non-ap-

pearance for examination in supplementary proceedings was taken twice by Justice Van Wyck in the City Court resterday. He had Wyck in the City Court resterday. He had been examined in supplementary proceedings the previous day in an effort of Milton liathbun, feed dealer, to collect a judgment, and the examination was adjourned to 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning. He did not appear within the half hour grace given by law. He strolled in later and apolygized. The Court opened the default on condition that he appear for examination at 3 P. M. He did not turn up, and again his default was noted.

A motion is hanging over his head in the case in that court to punish him for contempt, contingent on his examination, and another contingent on his examination, and another contempt proceeding, on the same conditions is pending in the Supreme Court.

Farewell; Thon Art Too Bear for My Pos sessing.

Henry Schultz of Prince's Bay, a boy of 17, shot himself in the right cheek, early this morning, at Fifth avenue and Seventeenth street.

He says he was in love with a girl called Florence of 80 West Third street. He sams only \$5 a week and could not afford to get married, so he hought some whiskey, drank it, and tried to kill himself. He is a prisoner.

Is Blevell-t Pearce Browned ! DANBURY, May 20.-Charles H. Pearce left his home in this city on Thursday for a bleycle ride. He falled to return last night, and this morning a farmer found his wheel in a lone some place of wood at Neversink Lake, ten miles from Danbury. The lake will be dragged.

Pearce was recently married Another Melbourne Fallure. MELBOURNE, May 26.—The Mercantile Finance Trustees and Agency Company has

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suspended payment. The nominal capital of the concern exceeds £4,000,000, and the British deposits in it amount to £300,000. The famous "Limited" trains of the New York Conrai are unsurpassed for speed, comfort, or safety. -- Adv

GAGGED BY A MASKED THIEF.

HUICHINS'S EXCITING EXPE-RIENCE IN HER OWN HOUSE.

West Farms Agitated Over a Daring Rob bery Committed There in Daylight-The Thief Left a Message Inviting Capture.

There was a robbery in West Farms on Thursday evening, the sensational circumstances of which have caused much excitement there. The robber seems to have been an unusually bold and determined fellow. His victim is a young married woman named Lulu Hutchins. She is slightly built, about 24 years old, and the wife of George Hutchins, a brakeman on the New York. New Haven and Hartford Railroad. They were married last December, and took up their residence in a neat little two-story frame cottage at 1,581 Main street, West Farms. The house stands well back from the street.

The train that Mr. Hutchins is employed on makes short runs from New York, and Mr. Hutchins works from noon to about midnight. He received his month's pay on Wednesday night. Mrs. Hutchins spent most of Thursday at her mother's house, just across the Bronx River, pearly opposite West Farms. She returned home about 54 o'clock in the afternoon, and, without walting to change her clothing, kindled a fire in the kitchen and put the kettle on to boll. Then she went up stairs to do some work there. It was about 6 o'clock and broad daylight when Mrs. Hutchins thought she heard some one moving about

She ran to the head of the stairs and found herself almost face to face with a man. The upper portion of his face was covered by a "What do you want?" she managed to ask,

although badly frightened. For answer the man rushed up the few remaining stairs and struck the woman a powerful blow in the body. He followed up this attack by dealing her a blow on the head with

erful blow in the body. He followed up this strack by dealing her a blow on the head with some blunt instrument that deprived her of consciousness. She recovered to find herself gagged with a broad strip of muslin about a yard tong, He had covered her mouth and nostrils with the muslin, carried it back of her head, and crossing it there, brought it forward and thed it tightly about her throat. Almost choked by the tightness of the bandage and scarcely able to breathe Mrs. Hutchins struggled hard to free herself from the thief. In the fight her clothing was forn to ribbons. Finding that he could not control the desperate woman he struck her again in the head, rendering her unconscious.

The thief rolled her over on her face and bound her hands behind her with another strip of muslin. Finally, he tied her ankles and left her lying there helpless. Then he began a search of the house. He tore the heading off the bed and found \$15 between the mattresses. He turned the bureau drawers tonsy-turys and found \$10 in one of them. He also found a number of the smaller articles of silver, a portion of Mrs. Hutchins's wedding presents. Down stairs he packed up a quantity of silver and other property, but was disturbed by the unexpected return of Mr. Hutchins before he could remove this plunder. He carried off the money he found and about \$20 worth of the silverware.

Mr. Hutchins, not feeling well, had left his work early. He got home at about 8 o'clock. The door was open, and eversthing in the house was in darkness and confusion. He called for his wile, but could get no reply. When he went up stairs to look for her he saw her feet protruding over the head of the staircase. He found her lying on her face bound and gagged. The thief had considerately laid a piece of muslin on the floor to rest her face on. The cloth was blood-stained and the woman was unconscious. Mr. Hutchins tore the bandage off her throat and mouth and blood gushed from her mouth and mostrils.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Noble, who live in the house to the south,

an hour before he could bring Mrs. Hutchins back to consciousness, and then she went into violent hysterics.

She grew gradually calmer under treatment, and told the story of her encounter with the thief. She described him as a medium-sized man, with dark beard and monstache. He wore cordured trousers and a dark coat, and Mrs. Hutchins thinks he wore a jumper under the coat. Footprins in the garden showed that he jumped out of the rear window; and it is believed, from the fact that he did not carry off the property he had made a bundle of in the kitchen, that he was in the house when Mr. Hutchins entered the gate and escaped while Mr. Hutchins was approaching through the front yard. The man did not speak during his nations on Mrs. Hutchins, so that his nationality is uncertain. He is believed, however, from his attire and general appearance to be an Italian.

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On this supposition, Gapt. Thompson of the Trement police and Detective Mitchel arrested nearly a dozen Italians found loitering about the neighborhood, and took them before Mrs. Hutchins to see if she could find the masked burglar among them. She was unable to de so. Yesterday she had recovered sufficiently to be removed to her mother's house, though she is still under the dector's care.

The thief had evidently prepared himself for resistance, as the bandages had been made in advance for the occasion. He may, if captured, prove to be a crank as well as a thief. The bandage which he used as a gag bears the initials. "M. Y. M. E." and the words "Catch me." They are written in pencil. On the cloth which he placed under Mrs. Hutchine's face are the initials "M. Y." written in pencil and "M. E." in indelible ink. The thief is believed to be familiar with the occupants of the house and to have known that Hutchins had received his month's pay on Wednesday. Mrs. Hutchins left the doors open when she went up stairs, and the thief therefore found a ready entrace. Main street ins had received his months pay on Wednesday. Mrs. Hutchins left the door open when she went up stairs, and the thief therefore found a ready entrance. Main street is the principal street of the village.

A PREACHER ARRESTS HIS WIFE. She Had Left Him for a Visit, but was Living with Another Man. BALTIMORE, May 26.-The Rev. Oscar C.

Payton is a Methodist minister who lives in Manassas. Va. About a month ago his wife. who is about 25 years old, suggested a visit to a relative in this city. Her husband made no a relative in this city. Her account and ano objection. He gave her enough money to last a week, and has since then been sending her money regularly. She had her letters addressed to a place on Pruid Hill avenue in care of a friend, but she lived it, another part of the city. Last week her husband asked her to return, but she sent back an evasive answer. This aroused the preacher's ausnicions, and he sent his wife's brother here to investigate. The latter discovered that lits layed was living with all thographer. Word was sent to the husband, who came here this morning, swore out a warrant, which he served in person. He brought his wife to the station house. At the hearing Mrs. Payton conlessed that she and the lithographer had been living together. Her excuse was that neither had a home here and that they found it cheaper to live together. Justice Benner fined the woman and her paramour each silo for adultery, which they paid and then went off arm in arm. Mr. Payton will ask for a divorce. objection. He gave her enough money to last \$1 200,000 Taken From the Gold Reserve

WASHINGTON, May 26.-Advices received at the Treasury Department to-day state that \$2,200,000 gold was engaged at the New York Sub-Treasury for shipment to-morrow. When sub-Treasury for shipment to-morrow. When this is deducted from the gold on hand, \$08,000,000, it will leave only \$15,800,000, or the gold reserve invaded to the extent of \$4,200,-000. A small shipment of gold is now in transit to the Treasury, but will not appear in the account for several days. No uneasiness is felt by this withdrawal of gold, as the policy of the administration is well understood to use the gold reserve as available cash when necessary.

Train Robbers Folled by a Conductor. Sr. Louis, May 26.-Two men made an unsuccessful attempt to rob the express car on the south-bound Mobile and Obio Railway train fifteen miles south of here last night The men climbed on the engine near Forest Lawn, Ili., and, with cooked revolvers, ordered the engineer not to stop at that station. One of the robbers then went to the express car and called to the messenger to open the door. The messenger refused, and the conductor stopped the train by applying the air brakes from the interior of the coach. The robbers jumped from the train and escaped.

The Talk of the Town.

The splendid illustrations which every week adorn the Sunday Mercury. Nothing like it has ever before been seen in a weekly newspaper. Get a copy to-morrow and judge fo yourself .- Adu

THEY GOT THE RAIN.

The Heavens Bombarded for Two Hours by All Western Kanons,

TOPERA, Kan., May 26.-A combined effort is being made by the citizens of western Kansas to produce rain by the use of explosives, and the State arsenal is being drawn upon for large guns to assist in the general bombard-ment. The first experiment was made yesterday by the simultaneous explosions of vast quantities of powder and chemicals at Weilington, Winfield, Newton, Caldwell, Arkansas City, South Haven, and Hutchinson, and other southwestern cities in the wheat belt. It was followed by the heaviest rainfall of the present year, not only in the localities named, but also at McPherson, Scranton, Junction City Abilene. Clyde, and other places in central and northwestern Kansas.

In addition to the firing of cannon, hundreds of men and boys joined in the fusiliade with rifles and shotguns, the bombardment continuing from noon until 2 o'clock, at which time the rain was general throughout eight counties. At some places the storm continued for four hours, the average rainfall being 3 nches. The experiments were conducted by the officers of the several cities, and they were firmly convinced that this unusual precipitation was the result of the cannonading.

THE PARIS SIGHTED.

But She Beat No Records In This Trip Over with the Campania. Three great ocean steamships-record hold-

that had been making for New York from England since the beginning of the week, were expected here resterday in have made. They are the Fuerst Bismarck of the Hamburg-American Packet Co., the Paris of the American line, and the new Cunarder. the Campania.

The Fuerat Blamarck left Southampton on May 19, and passed Prawlo Point at 5:30 that afternoon. Her record for the run from there is 6 days 11 hours and 44 minutes. The Paris left a day later, on May 20, at 2:10 P. M., and

the Campania passed Daunt's rock, outside the Campania passed Daunt's rock, outside Queenstown, at 3:05 P. M. on Sunday.

The Fuerst Bismarck got in early pesterday morning, Thours and 18 minutes behind her own record. She had encountered strong northwesterly and southwesterly winds, rough seas, and foggy weather since passing the Banks.

The chance of the Paris for heating the

Banks.

The chance of the Paris for beating the Fuerst Bismarck's time from Southampton was gone when she failed to show up at the bar at 8:54 last night. She was off Fire Island at 12:15 A. M.

The task of the Campania was to equal or beat the record of the Paris, made in October last year, when she made the run of 2.782 miles from Queenstown in 5 days at hours and 24 minutes, an average of 20.7 knots an hour, or to equal or beat her own enstward record of 20.81 knots an hour, which

knots an hour, or to equal or beat her own eastward record of 20.86 knots an hour, which she had just made. To equal the Paris's record she must arrive at the bar at 12:20 this morning.

The weather was thick, and the Campania had not been sighted at last accounts.

PURITAN FINISHED AHEAD. The Officers of the Bichard Peck Say that It Was No Buce.

The steamboat Puritan of the Fall River line, fresh from the dry dock, left her wharf at the foot of Murray street yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock with no freight or passen gers, and it was generally understood that on her run up the Sound to Fall River she would pick up the twin-screw boat Richard Peck of the New Haven line and settle the question which is the faster. The two boats had a race last fall, in which the Puritan was beaten, but the Fail River people were not satisfied that the Peck was really faster than their boat.

The Puritan passed the Peck's berth in the East River a little before the latter got under way, and the Northam of the New Haven line met them as she came in. They were still in the same relative positions-the Puritan in the lead; but they were not racing, and had

the same relative positions—the Furitan in the lead; but they were not racing, and had not got fairly out into the Sound, where these big boats can safely pull their throttles wide open and go for all they are worth.

At the Feck's wharf it was said that she would not race this trip. The Furitan people sent a challenge, it was said, but it came too late to get the Feck ready. She left on her regular time and trip, carrying freight and passengers, and with steam up in only five of her six boilers. "Still," said one man, "if the Furitan chailenges her I think the Feck will held her own even without the extra boiler."

New Haven, May 23,—The Furitan beat the Feck from Sands Foint to Stratford Shoals, which is a run of about fity miles. The Feck's people say the Furitan's people say fitteen miles. The Furitan waited at Sands Foint for the Feck.

At 4:37 the Feck came along, and the race began. Capt. Hardy was in command of the Feck, and Capt. Slumons of the Furitan. The latter bont drew away at the start and led over the entire course. The Feck passed Stratford Shoals at 6:44, and arrived at her dock in this city about her usual time. Her officers allege that there was no race and that they were not prepared to race, having one boiler out of commission and only buckwheat coal, while the Puritan burned the best of washed pea.

TALLON CONVICTED OF PERJURY.

When He Was a Park Policeman He A. The jury that has been trying Michael F Tallon in the Oyer and Terminer for perjury n making a complaint of soliciting agains Lillie M. Coleman, whom he arrested while he was a park policeman, went out at 9:35 o'clock

last night. At 12:30 this morning they returned a verdiet of guilty, with a recommendation to mercy. The extreme penalty is ten years. On Tallon's first trial the jury disagreed. He was tried by the Park Board and removed. Mrs Coleman was at one time his mistress.

STABBED HIS SWEETHFART.

She Now Says It Was Accidental, but She Didn't Think So at First.

PATERSON, May 20.-William Keys, 22 years ld. an apprentice in Nealon & Farnon's plumbing shop, and Miss Maria Woodruff, his sweetheart, aged 18, met on Market street this afternoon and walked to Main street, blocks. On the way they quarrelled, and when they were parting on the corner the girl shricked and ran up Main street, telling every

shricked and ran up Main street, telling every one whom she met that Keys, in a fit of anger, stanbed her. Blood was cozing through her clothes under her right arm. She was taken to Pr. Gilson's office. A pretty deep cut was found under her arm.

Keys followed the crowd, and while the doctor was examining the wound he begged the girl to have pity and not prosecute him, declaring that the pocket hitse slipped from his hand. Miss Woodruff now says she believes the stabbing was an needent, and refuses to make a complaint against him. The wound is not dangerous.

FEARS FOR QUEEN WILHELMINA. The Little Fovereign of the Netherland

VIENNA. May 26 .- A despatch from the Hague says that Queen Wilhelmina is rapidly develoring symptoms of consumition, and that the

ong symptoms of consumition, and that the Queen Regent, who is now in the country with her, and the royal physicians fear the worst. In case of the death of theen Wilhelmins, the Nasau-Orange dynasiy would become extinct. Dutch statesmen apprehend that this would lead to complications which might end in the american of the Netherlands by Germany, or the cossion of them to France as compensation for the less of Alsace and Lorraine.

The Merton Boom. "It beats all what an interest has been

created in the country by the statement that Governor." said Senator George Z. Erwin of Potsdam, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last even-ing. "The country newspapers are full of it." Thomas C. Flatt stood by and nodded ap-provingly as Uncle George told his story of the Morton boom. Levi P. Morton is to be our next candidate for

EULALIA ROYALLY FETED.

COURTLY BALL.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

A DRIVE, A SAIL, AND A BRILLIANT.

The Concert Mail of the Madison Square Garden Magnificently Adorned with Flourers and Greens-Some Hestintion, After All, When the Ordent of Presentation Came Everybody Charmed with the Princess-The Formoon's Trip Up the Radson Interrupted By a Visit to the Santa Maria-An Officer of the Caravel Injured By the Explosion of a Gun Which Was Not Meant for Use-Callers at the Hotel.

Central Park, the Hudson River, and the Madison Square Garden Concert Hall in holiday dress were put at the disposal of the Infanta Eulalia yesterday, and she appeared to enjoy all the pleasures offered to her. She drove through the Park to Riverside Drive and Ninety-sixth street, whence the Dolphin took her up the river as far as Yonkers.

In the evening she was the guest of honor at the ball given by the Committee of 100 and the Circulo Colon-Cervantes, and Society met with a bold front the unwented perils of a presentation in New York to a live Princess of a reigning house.

Being tired by the travelling and excitement of the previous day, the Infanta had rested until late in the morning, and it was 11:30 o'clock when an unusual scurrying about of the royal bousehold announced that the was about to appear in the more publie of her apartments. The curtains at the time to equal or best the records which they | windows were drawn aside, and the Infanta looked out upon the trees in the Park and the throngs of curious spectators who all day long passed through the plaza. This was one of the noticeable things of the day about the hotel. Never, it seemed, had so many people passed through the plaza and gazed steadily up at the windows of the second floor of the

> While the Infanta was gazing at the crowds the servants in the hotel and her own private servants continued their busy preparations for breakfast, which was served in the Infanta's dining room, which was handsomely decorated with flowers.

After breakfast the Infanta retired to her private apartments. The people in the plaza seemed to interest her deeply, and she frequently rose and stood at the windows gazing at the spectacle. At times she smiled. So did the people in the plaza. There were several pictures in the room, to which the Infanta turned when wearied of gazing upon the plaza. There was a large pleture of Mrs. Cleveland, presented to the Infanta in Washingion. Then there was a large picture of his Majesty the youthful King Alfonso. Another was of the Queen Regent, on the back of which were the words: "Carina recuerdo"-"I remember my little dear." Below was written the date: "Madrid, 18 de Abril, 1893." The most striking picture of all was a group of the children of the royal household, the Princess Maria Theresa, the Princess Mercedes, and the King Alfonso.

A DRIVE THEOUGH THE PARK.

The Infanta remained in her room sightseeing from the windows and chatting with members of her suite until 2:10 o'clock, when two carriages drove up through the crowds at the Fifty-ninth street entrance. Then the formidable Commander Davis ici the Infanta to the carriage. She were a tailor-made close-fitting gown of blue serge. On her head was a jounty light straw sailor hat with a red and blue band. The voll did not conceal her looks of pleasure as the carriage started. At her side was Prince Antonio. There were also in the carriage Commodore Davis and the Duke of Tamames. The Prince and the Duke wore dark blue suits and jounty straw hats tipped back slightly on their heads. In another carriage sat the Marchioness Arco-Hermosa and

Commander Vegas of the Reina Regente. The carriages turned into the Park at the Fifth avenue entrance and rolled up the main drive. They le t the Park at West Seventysecond street, along which they passed to liverside Drive. Sightseers were passed on the way and a few recognized the infants and her companions. The Infanta was much pressed regret that Ninety-sixth street was reached so soon, where she was to alight and take a boat out to the Dolphin.

AN INFORMAL BUN UP THE RIVER.

When the Princess decided that despite the announced abandonment of the trip on the Dolphin she would like to take the run up the river, she said: "Let it be a quiet, informal little trip." So a quiet, informal little trip was arranged:

but when princesses go about in the neighborhood of gunbouts there is sure to be a noise. and where naval officers are there is sure to be some formality, and both these were incidents of yesterday's trip. It was quiet and informal only in that the party was small and not a committeeman was on hand. Capt. Buckingham, in command of the Dol-

phin. had the mahogany barge at the landing. and that was a pleasant beginning of the trip. for the Princess remembered it as the craft which had transferred her dry shod on the day of her arrival after she had experienced a very wet voyage in the gig of the Infanta Isabel. When Dona Eulalia boarded the big barge she asked that before being taken to the Dolphin the barge be first rowed over to the Santa Maria, the fingship of the caravels. She was very much interested in them, she said, was pleased that Spain had sent them over here, and wanted to pay the officers the coundiment of a visit. She had scarcely concluded her explanation when the ten good tars from the Delphin had the barge up to the enravel.

A MISIT TO THE SANTA MARIA.

All the officers of the three caravels were n board to receive the Princess, the yards of the Santa Maria and Nina were manned, and the sailors of the Pinta, which has no yards, stood at attention at the rail. All of them gave seven cheers of welcome. The royal party trassed a quarter of an hour going over the ittle ship, and when on the gun deck the Princess noticed that a firing squad stood ready by two guns to give a salute when she should depart.

The guns are old-fashioned muzzle-loaders. uiit up with black painted wood to represent the guns which were mounted on the Santa Maria when Columbus commanded her. The guns are half sunk in wooden carriages, to which they are also lashed, and the woodwork of the carriages is built up around the breech. Noticing this, the Princess requested that no salute to fired, as the guas impressed her as being, what in fact they really are, only intended for purposes of illustration. But her request did not accord with the loyal impulses of the Santa Maria's officers, and as the Princess again boarded the barge salutes were be gun from each of the caravels.

ready to fire a satute from two breech-leading six-pounder Hotehkias guns, and who was carefully noting the approach of his guest, saw that the saluting on the Santa Maria ceased after the sixth gun. A moment later a boat from the Santa Maria was hastily put off and rowed rapidly for the Dolphin. When it came within hailing distance an officer in the boat asked if the Dolphin over a surgeon. as

Latest Marine Intelligence Arrived—Se Paris, from Southampton; Se Wilhu Them

A GUN BURSTS ON THE CARAVEL: AN OFFICER AND A SAILOR HUET. Capt. Puckingham, whose own men stood

of its guns had burst and had injured an offi-or and a sailor. Burgeon P. M. Bixey of the